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**“It ain't what you don't know
that gets you into trouble.
It's what you know for sure
that just ain't so.**

- Mark Twain





“The government needs a dose of reality because its trust in the [biometric] system is unfounded and doesn't match up with experience.”

“...biometric features...are ‘rarely used’ to screen or verify the identity of a foreign visitor, allowing imposters to use them with little risk of detection.”

“We're a long way from [biometrics] becoming a reality.”

“...the Registered Traveler program, and the biometric ID cards issued to those who enroll, could in the future determine how someone makes a purchase on credit, enters an office building or arena, turns on a cell phone or boards a train.”

“... the whole reliability of biometrics is up in the air.”

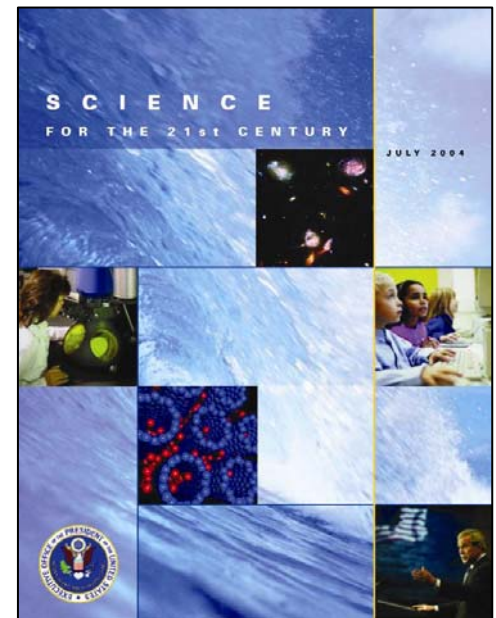
“RFID tags ... would allow the government to track the movement of our cards and us...we may have no idea the scan is even occurring...”



“Promoting a scientifically educated and aware public is necessary if we are to make the appropriate decisions about the nation’s R&D investments, guide the adoption and debate the societal implications of new science and technologies, and reap the maximum benefits from our investments. The quality of these efforts underpins the entire US scientific enterprise.”

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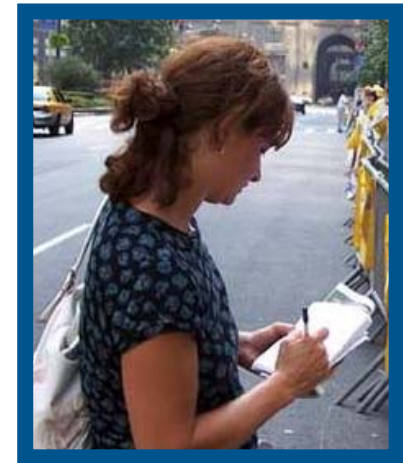
- **Goals**

- Consistent message and use of terms from the US Government
- Scientifically educated and aware public, press, and US Government



- **Approach**

- Phase I: Foundation Documents
- Phase II: Outreach & Education



Phase I Approach

- **Develop Foundation Documents**

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Glossary of Terms
- Introductory Level Papers
- Social/Legal/Privacy Document
- Other US Government Public Reports

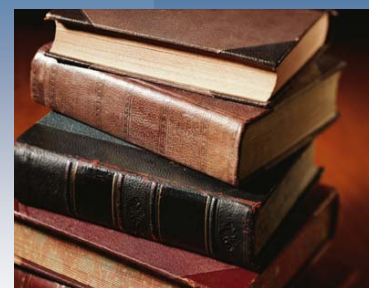


- **Obtain NSTC Release**



- **Implement Foundation Documents**

- Building Blocks for ICP Outreach Material
- Available as Public Reference
- Baseline for US Government Biometrics Documents



Phase II Approach

- **Short Courses & Educational Presentations**

Uses NSTC approved foundation documents to develop focused material, such as “courses” for defined target audiences

- **Engage in Outreach Activities**

- Employees new to the area
- Outreach Staff
- External

